

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-19 and 21-41 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 10, 19, 22, 26, 31 and 32 being the independent claims. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Interview Summary

The undersigned appreciates the time and attention extended by the Examiner and his Supervisor during the interview conducted on May 5, 2005. The subject matter of independent claims 1, 10, 19, 22, 26, 31 and 32 was discussed during the interview in view of U.S. Pub. No. US 2001/0038999 by Hainey ("Hainey"), Microsoft Word 2000 and Microsoft Paint (copyright 1981-1998 version 4). The Examiner and his Supervisor recommended an amendment to the independent claims that would overcome the rejections to those claims upon entry of the recommended amendments, but indicated that further searching may be required. The Examiner suggested including language in the claims directed to the toolbar being "static" or unchangeable in appearance.

Additionally, during the interview the Examiner brought to the attention of Applicants' representatives U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/180,418. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner expressly note consideration of the reference.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a)

Claims 1-19, 21-32, 35-37, and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hainey in view of Microsoft Word 2000.

Claims 33-34 and 38-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hainey in view of Microsoft Word 2000 and further in view of Microsoft Paint.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 19, 22, and 31 to recite "the toolbar menu having a fixed appearance" as discussed during the interview. Applicants have amended claim 26 to recite an interactive tool on a toolbar "having a fixed appearance" as discussed during the interview. Applicants have amended claim 32 to recite "the toolbar menu having a fixed appearance" as discussed during the interview. As discussed during the interview, claims 1, 10, 19, 22, 26, 31 and 32 are now allowable over the cited references, as are the claims that depend from claims 1, 10, 19, 22, 26, 31 and 32. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of independent claims 1, 10 19 22, 26, 31 and 32 be withdrawn, as well as the rejections of the claims that depend from independent claims 1, 10 19 22, 26, 31 and 32, at least because of their dependence from those claims.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections, and that they be withdrawn. The Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

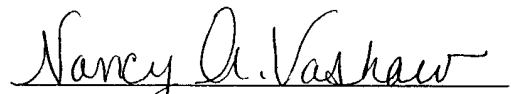
Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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